

Tiverton Town Council

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Minutes of the Civic & Ceremonial Committee Meeting held in the Mayoralty Room of the Town Hall on Monday 24th February 2020 at 6.15pm

Present: Cllr J Rendle (Chairman), A Berry, J Blagg, A Bush, L Cruwys, S Griggs, C Harrower, T Lindus, G Luxton, and C Slade.

In attendance: Cllr A Perris, and Assistant to the Town Clerk Julie Hubbard.

Not Present: Cllr N Davey.

033	Apologies
	Apologies received from Cllr D Knowles (Work) & Cllr W Burke (Work)
	Apologies were accepted.
034	Declaration of Interest
	None declared at this stage of the meeting.
035	Minutes
	The minutes of the meeting held on the 28 th October 2019 were adopted as a true
	record. These were signed by the Chairman Cllr J Rendle.
036	Matters Arising
	There were no matters arising.
037	Democratic Period
	No members of public attended.
038	Feast of St James
	The assistant to the Town Clerk Mrs J Hubbard read out a report to update the
	members on the plans for the event to be held on Saturday 18 th July 2020. The acts
	secured included a large animatronic dragon, a potions and Knights school, a
	walkabout medieval puppet theatre, storyteller, a face painter, falconry, Morris
	dancers, Bowlore, circus workshop and medieval musicians.
	The committee were happy with the arrangements to date.
039	Possible Events sub-Committee
	Cllr J Rendle said that there had not been many meetings for the Civic and
	Ceremonial Committee and asked if there was a need for a sub-committee for the
	purpose of discussing events.
	Cllr S Griggs said that she felt this would be a good idea as the councillors could
	then offer their support and assistance towards any council events. She said that local

events helped to bring people into the town and in turn helped to support the traders. **Cllr Griggs** said that the Town Centre Partnership were keen to have more events in the town.

Cllr C Harrower agreed, saying that councillor community engagement was very positive for the town, as she herself had been heavily involved with the knitting bunting challenge which had taken off very successfully.

Cllr T Lindus said that there would be a need for more Civic & Ceremonial meetings in order for the proposed sub-committee to report to. Cllr C Slade supported this. It was agreed to request for the sub-committee to be an agenda item for the Annual Council Meeting to be held on Monday 4th May 2020.

040 V.E. Vintage Bus Day

Assistant to the Town Clerk Mrs J Hubbard read out a report provided by the Town Clerk Mr J Vanderwolfe.

An outline plan for vintage buses to visit the town to offer free rides to Bampton to link up with their V.E. event and a possible circular tour route around Tiverton on Sunday 9th May 2020 was suggested. Mr R Gould who is a member of the Devon General Trust was co-ordinating this event.

Cllr T Lindus said that Uffculme Country Fair was being held on the same day and expressed concern over clashing of the events. He suggested that perhaps a bus could transport people out to the fair but again this took people away from Tiverton. He said that he would be unable to attend the town event as he had commitments with St John' Ambulance at the country fair.

Cllr S Griggs expressed her concern over how this would benefit or promote the town. As the buses would be transporting people away from Tiverton to other towns/villages and events.

Cllr A Bush said that there would be a need for more detail, such as times, route plans and types of buses provided.

Cllr T Lindus agreed and asked if the bus event could be held on Friday 8th May 2020.

Cllr C Harrower asked if the event could be held on Saturday 9th May 2020 as the town's shops and cafes would all be open and could benefit from some trade.

The Assistant to the Town Clerk Mrs J Hubbard replied to explain that the reason Sunday had been chosen was primarily down to the buses being scheduled to visit Cullompton to take part in their V.E. Day event on Friday. Also the proposed aisle at Phoenix Lane Bus Station chosen to position the buses, would not be vacant on the Saturday.

Cllr A Bush said that whilst it would be wonderful to see the vintage buses in the town, once they were on the way to Bampton or Uffculme it would leave a large hole in the day for the town.

Councillors then suggested that perhaps a static bus could be provided so that members of the public could explore it and take photographs, and positioning this, either at the new designated coach parking at William Street Car Park, or in the Pannier Market Car Park.

The Assistant to the Town Clerk was asked by the members to find out more details of this proposed event.

041	Events to be noted a) Mayor Choosing Monday 4 th May b) Mayor's Sunday 17 th May c) Christmas Lights Switch-on-Saturday 28 th November 2020
042	Request for a person to be awarded Honorary Citizen or Honorary Burgess Cllr J Rendle proposed to move to Part Two under the (Public Bodies/Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, and that the public including the press be excluded because of the sensitive nature of the business to be discussed. This was seconded by Cllr C Slade. All agreed. Moved to Part Two.
043	Next Meeting TBA

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